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SUBJECT: NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG TRAINING

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1. U.S. CUSTOMS HAS CHANGED THE FORMAT OF THEIR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG TRAINING PROGRAM FOR FY 1979 SO THAT THEY CAN OFFER COMPREHENSIVE ASSISTANCE TO THOSE SELECTED FOREIGN AGENCIES FOR WHICH SUCH A PROGRAM WOULD BE OF BENEFIT.

2. UNDER AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CUSTOMS AND S/NM, ALL SUCH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WILL REQUIRE A PROAG WITH THE INVOLVED GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT THE LIMITED RESOURCES
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EXPENDED BY U.S. CUSTOMS RESULT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE AND CONTINUING DOG PROGRAM BY THE INVOLVED AGENCY.

3. ALTHOUGH THE DETAILS OF THE FOREIGN AGENCY INPUT AND SUPPORT FOR A PROGRAM WOULD BE THE RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVING THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AND USG REPRESENTATIVE

FROM THE MISSION, S/NM AND CUSTOMS, THE U.S. INPUT WILL BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING ASSISTANCE: 1) EIGHT DOG HANDLERS TO BE TRAINED IN THE U.S., 2) ONE DOG TRAINER TO BE DEVELOPED IN THE U.S., AND 3) A TDY VISIT TO THE INVOLVED

FOREIGN AGENCY BY A U.S. CUSTOMS DOG TRAINER WHO WILL MONITOR THE TRAINING OF ADDITIONAL DOGS BY THE NEWLY DEVELOPED TRAINER. THE U.S. TRAINER WOULD ALSO EVALUATE THE USE OF DOGS BY THE FOREIGN AGENCY AND ASSIST THEM IN DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THEIR PROGRAM.

4. U.S. CUSTOMS WOULD LIKE TO INVOLVE MALAYSIAN CUSTOMS IN SUCH A PROGRAM. MONROE'S RECENT VISIT TO MALAYSIA RESULTED IN HIS RECOMMENDATION OF MALAYSIAN CUSTOMS AS THE RECIPIENT OVER THE NATIONAL POLICE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A). THE CUSTOMS SERVICE CAN EASILY AND WITH FULL AUTHORITY PLACE NARCOTICS DOGS IN CRITICAL OPERATIONAL AREAS (AIRPORTS, MAIL FACILITIES, SEAPORTS AND BORDER CROSSINGS); B) IN SPITE OF SOME APPARENT DIFFICULTIES THAT MALAYSIAN CUSTOMS IS HAVING WITH ITS TWO DOGS, AS REPORTED BY MONROE, THEY HAVE ALREADY DEMONSTRATED THEIR SINCERE INTEREST IN A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM BY COMMITTING RESOURCES FOR KENNELS, VEHICLES, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERSONNEL; C) IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE NATIONAL POLICE WILL RECEIVE DOG TRAINING FROM GERMAN CUSTOMS AND ELSEWHERE. GERMAN CUSTOMS HAS EXCELLENT TRAINING SCHOOLS AND USES MANY TRAINING METHODS LEARNED FROM U.S. CUSTOMS. ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THE POSSIBILITY IS REMOTE, IT WOULD BE IDEAL IF THE POLICE AND CUSTOMS WOULD JOIN FORCES IN SUPPORTING A COMBINED DOG PROGRAM AS IN SINGAPORE.

5. REALIZING THAT THE TIME IS LATE AND THAT A PROAG WOULD HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED AFTER TRAINING BEGINS, THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE WISHES TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO ROYAL MALAYSIA CUSTOMS (RMC) FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DOG HANDLER SCHOOL AT THE NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG TRAINING CENTER, FRONT ROYAL, VIRGINIA. HANDLER CLASS NO. 7, WHICH WILL COMMENCE 2 OCTOBER 78, IS SCHEDULED FOR FOUR (4) RMC OFFICERS.

6. IN VIEW OF THE TIME ELEMENT, WE WILL ACCEPT NOMINEES FOR HANDLER CLASS NO. 7 WITHOUT THE FORMAL SIGNING OF A PROJECT AGREEMENT, BUT WITH AN UNDERSTANDING FROM RAHIM, RMC DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL THAT RMC WILL NEGOTIATE THE

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROAG AT A LATER DATE.

7. AS IN THE PAST, RMC SHOULD PROVIDE ROUND TRIP INTERNATIONAL AIR FARE TO WASHINGTON, D.C., AND THE USG WILL FUND DOMESTIC TRAVEL AND PER DIEM, HANDLER CLASS NO. 7 WILL BE TAUGHT IN ENGLISH.

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